Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 60

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Eighth State Legislature Regular Session of 2015 State of Hawaii

## Madam:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred S.R. No. 60 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH WEEKLY MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR TIME DEDICATED TO PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY, INTERMEDIATE, AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Education to establish weekly minimum standards of time dedicated to physical education in all elementary, intermediate, and middle schools with an emphasis on physical activities that are conducive to the health and vigor of the body and mind.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Education, Department of Health, Hawaii Public Health Institute, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, and American Heart Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawaii State Teacher Association.

Your Committee finds that childhood obesity is a major health concern affecting almost one-third of the children in the United States. Inadequate participation in physical activity is a significant contributor to obesity. Emphasizing physical activity in public schools will help combat childhood obesity and instill healthy habits in Hawaii's children. Moreover, a correlation has been shown to exist between fitness level and academic

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achievement. Promoting physical fitness by increasing time spent in physical education in elementary, intermediate, and middle schools may result in healthier, stronger kids who are ready for athletic and academic success.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Education that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 60 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Education,

MICHELLE N. KIDANI, Chair

## The Senate Twenty-Eighth Legislature State of Hawai'i

## Record of Votes Committee on Education EDU

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral: Date:				
SR 60	EDU 4/1/15				
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KIDANI, Michelle N. (C)		1			
HARIMOTO, Breene (VC)					
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne					
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.					
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C	•				
KOUCHI, Ronald D.		<b>V</b>			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.					
THIELEN, Laura H.		/			
SLOM, Sam					
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Recommendation:  Adopted  Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:  Breene Land					
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